

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, 20-26, 50, 55, 69-86, and 93-95 remain pending in the application after entry of this response. Claims 27-45, 49, and 87-92 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1-18, 20-45, 49, 50, 55, and 69-95 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. The claims have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. 121 as follows:

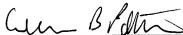
I. Claims 1-16, 50, 55, 69-86, and 93-[95] drawn to a method of communicating between a drilling rig and at least one off-site location and drilling a wellbore to an oil and/or gas bearing formation via the portable communications module, classified in class 66, subclass 250.01.

II. Claims 27-41, drawn to an apparatus comprising a skull-protective hard hat; and a portable communications attachment attached to the hardhat comprising a transceiver, a video display and an external camera, classified in class 345, subclass 8.

III. Claims 42-45, 49, and 87-92, drawn to transmitting an image or video corresponding to the on-site person's view to the off-site person using the camera, classified in class 348, subclass 115.

Applicants provisionally elect Group I, without traverse. Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



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